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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: RESTRICTIONS OF NEW DELHI/NEW YORK
EXCURSION FARE TO PAA AND AIR INDIA

REF: NEW DELHI 3406

1. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO PROTEST GOI'S "DIRECT FLIGHT
SINGLE FLIGHT NUMBER" CONDITION ON NEW DELHI/NEW YORK
EXCURSION FARE.

2. LETTER SHOULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING POINTS: A) RESERVE
BANK OF INDIA (RBI)'S JANUARY 21 CIRCULAR NOTE INCORRECTLY
STATES THAT CONDITIONS FOR EXCURSION FARES WERE ESTAB-
LISHED BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS OF UNITED STATES
AND INDIA. US CAB HAS NEVER RESTRICTED EXCURSION FARES TO
ONLY DIRECT FLIGHTS OPERATING AS SINGLE FLIGHT NUMBER.
MOREOVER, IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO CAB FOR AIRLINES, WITH ROUTE
RIGHTS BETWEEN US-INDIA, TO SELL EXCURSION FARE TICKETS
WITHOUT THIS CONDITION. B) RESTRICTION ON EXCURSION
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FARE IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AS IT

DOES NOT ALLOW US AIRLINES FAIR AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ON ROUTES COVERED BY THE AGREEMENT. BOTH DESIGNATED US CARRIERS, PAA AND TWA (WHICH HAS CAB APPROVAL TO SELL

NEW DELHI/NEW YORK EXCURSION FARES WITH INTERLINE TRANSFER) ARE ADVERSELY EFFECTED BY THIS DISCRIMINATORY RESTRICTION. C) GOI IS REQUESTED TO ELIMINATE THE "DIRECT FLIGHT, SINGLE FLIGHT NUMBER" RESTRICTION FROM THE CONDITIONS OF THE EXCURSION FARE.

3. FYI: TWA HAS SENT LETTER PROTESTING EXCURSION FARE CONDITION TO CAB. ESTIMATED TWA WOULD LOSE UP TO 750,000 DOLLARS WITH THIS FARE. PAA IS ALSO UNSATISFIED WITH EXCURSION FARE RESTRICTION BECAUSE IT LIMITS ACCESS TO INDIAN MARKET. ACCORDING TO PAA WASHINGTON OFFICE, AIRLINES HAVE BEEN SELLING EXCURSION FARE IN INDIA WITH ON LINE OR INTERLINE TRANSFERS, IN SPITE OF RBI'S SLOWNESS TO PROVIDE FOREIGN EXCHANGE FOR SUCH TICKETS. BRI CIRCULAR MEANT TO STOP THIS PRACTICE. INGERSOLL

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